

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the second paragraph on page five (5) with the following.

Passive RFID tags 33 are preferred for many reasons including their ability to be manufactured in large quantities and at sizes of less than 1/3 of a millimeter. In addition, passive RFID tags 33 can store 128 bits, 256 bits or more data as required. Furthermore, passive RFID tags 33 can be read from several feet away without a clear line of sight. This makes it possible to incorporate a reader 35 into a vending machine 40, mailbox 45, or other device that handles mail 25 or stamps 10. ~~One suitable passive RFID tag is manufactured by XXXXX XXXX XXX of XXX, xx.~~